

APPROVED: Meeting No. 22-83

ATTEST:

Helen M. Heneghan

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 16-83

May 21, 1983

The Mayor and Council convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Saturday, May 21, 1983, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

ABSENT

Councilman Steve Abrams
(on travel leave)

Councilman John Tyner
(MML)

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Manager Larry Blick

Re: Work Session

The Mayor and Council continued their budget review.

RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME

Municipal Swim Center

Mr. Olson gave a status report on the construction at the Swim Center and the membership sale. The Council made no changes.

Municipal Golf

The Council discussed at length the golf lesson program in the City which is held at the Civic Center and not at the golf course. The reason for this was explained by Mr. Olson. Now that the driving range is in place, the situation will be reviewed.

Adult Athletics

The Council made no changes.

Youth Athletics

The Council made no changes.

Cultural Arts

The Council asked if they might receive a status report from STAR on June 1. The question of regular band concerts was discussed bringing the experience of Chatham, Massachusetts, into discussion. It was the consensus of the Council that if the City band concerts were held regularly on a recurring cycle, a pattern would develop that the citizens could follow. Mr. Olson said he would discuss this with the band director. The question of a wooden replica of the City seal was brought forward. The Clerk was asked to write to the

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Cultural Arts Continued

Cultural Arts Commission and get a ruling on whether such an expenditure would fall under the domain of the \$1 per capita program. \$3,000 was placed on the wish list.

Recreation Class Programs

The Council made no changes.

Youth Summer Recreational Activities

Council discussed recognizing firms such as General Electric which contribute to City programs as GE is doing with the computer program. Councilwoman Hovsepian suggested there might be a business recognition night. Mr. Don Boebel of the Recreation and Park Board suggested these businesses might be called patrons instead of sponsors. Mayor Freeland agreed. He suggested that any time an article appears in the Newsletter that mentions a firm in the City, a package of Newsletters be sent to the person mentioned. When a business is involved, the article should be included in the Economic Development Newsletter.

Community Recreation Programs

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked the status of the Beall Elementary School KAT program. Mr. Olson explained it is being held at the Senior Center.

Special Events

The discussion of holiday decorations continued. The staff was asked to check with the garden clubs to see if they would be interested in joining the holiday decorating effort. The Mayor asked that \$10,000 be earmarked from the Mayor and Council for lighting and the County be asked to contribute, then go to the business sector. Councilwoman Hovsepian asked in the staff's study, if they will do a life cycle analysis.

Civic Center Park

The Council made no changes.

Facilities Maintenance

The Council made no changes.

Parks, Playgrounds and Playfield Maintenance

The Council discussed the maintenance of the Fitzgerald Triangle and felt it should be kept as a showcase since most people in the City pass by it some time or other during the day. The Council added \$6,500 to the wish list in order to maintain Lone Oak as a park. The City Manager said that could go to the CIP wish list. The Council agreed that if they want Lone Oak to look good it will be necessary for the City to take over the landscaping so that it can be maintained to City standards. The Council instructed a letter be sent to the petition writers answering their questions.

Recreational Facilities Design and Construction

The Council made no changes.

TRANSPORTATION

Bikeways

The Council made no changes.

ENVIRONMENT

Right-of-Way Maintenance & Beautification

The Council made no changes.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Senior Citizens Activities

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked what was being done for non-English speaking people. Lorraine Schack explained the classes that are given. Councilwoman Hovsepian asked how the RSI income is progressing. Mayor Freeland asked a note be sent to the RSI board asking for a five year prospectus and where the board expects, if any, a break even point may occur. Councilwoman Hovsepian suggested the staff look into using the seniors at the Center to teach classes to young people. The City Manager said a breakdown on the \$85,000 expenditure would be provided to the Council. Councilman Duncan asked, at the same time, for a complete cost of the Senior Gala, not just the food prices but all the incidental costs, including staff time.

Human Rights Activities

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked what program is used to teach adults to speak English. Mr. Drayton explained most of this is done through the schools. Mayor Freeland suggested that the staff make every effort to encourage people to intergrate into the Rockville community. Although the Council has received a memo on a part-time person, they agreed it would be reviewed along with the landlord/tenant business.

Youth Services

The Council asked to be briefed on the Community Clinic. The Mayor suggested July 1 as a target date to complete all negotiations with the Clinic. Mr. Keene explained that the question of the use of the building has not yet been fully agreed upon. Councilman Duncan asked for an explanation of the summer youth employment program. Information was passed out and a discussion followed on the work permits since there seems to be some misunderstanding with one of the schools this year.

Special Services

Councilman Duncan suggested that the Lincoln Center be opened later on summer evenings. Mr. Drayton agreed it would be held open to 11 or 11:30 but felt it was counterproductive to hold it open until 1:00 or 1:30 a.m. as the police suggested.

Re: Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, May 23, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.